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Nathan Leopold, Jr. (left), and Richard Loeb, Chicago's millionaire "intellectual murderers," as they look today, a month after their arrest for the kidnaping and slaying of Robert Franks, which they confessed.

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You remember the animals were having a fight with the wharf rats. The rats had all disappeared or else were lying dead in heaps, when Billy heard Stubby give a whine of pain, and, turning to discover where he was, he saw him standing in the midst of a pile of dead rats with one nearly half as large as himself hanging to his throat under his jaw. The rat had hold of Stubby in such a way he could not shake him off, and all the time the rat was sucking his blood.

Billy saw him in a minute and with one bound he was beside Stubby, and had ripped the rat open with his long, sharp horn, which made its mouth open and set Stubby free.

Expresses Thanks
"Thank you, old fellow, for saving me. I was almost gone when you came with your timely assistance."

"I guess we had enough fun with rats for one night," said Tiger, "and we better be getting on or we will be late for the opening exercises."

"I am a perfect mess!" said Stubby in disgust. "See how bloody I am."

"So am I," replied Tiger. "I, too," chimed in Button.

"I tell you what let's do," proposed Stubby. "It won't take five minutes. Let's run out and take a swim in the river. I can never appear before a strange audience with my coat looking like this."

"I'll go with you," replied Buster. "I think," said Button, "I would prefer cleaning my coat by rolling in that nice clean bank of sand in the corner of the cellar to swimming in the river."

"I am with you on that proposition," said Tiger. "No water for me when I can get good, clean sand! After a roll I shall come out as clean and shining as if I had been sent to the cleaner and run through a vat of gasoline."

Stubby and Buster went to the river and were soon swimming around and having great sport in the water, as it was nice and warm. But presently Stubby stopped short and started ahead of him, and what do you think he saw but a whole drove of rats swimming out to a big scow in a vessel that lay at anchor in the harbor.

"Let's go ashore. I've seen all the rats I want for a coon's age. And you can't get me out of here too soon, for they may attack us."

Enter Clubroom
Soon Stubby and Buster, looking as clean as whistles, found Button and Tiger, who also looked spick and span, and the four entered the clubroom, which was on one of the upper floors and as light as day, for the light from four big electric street lamps came streaming in the window, lighting the room from corner to corner and making it as bright as if the lamps were in the room itself. A light as bright as was there? Hundreds of dogs and cats were there sitting on benches arranged in a semicircle and graduated like the seats in a theatre. For this room had been used as a

lecture room to give instructions to sailors and soldiers before going overseas, and the benches and platform were just as they had left them.

Meet Dogs
On the platform, sitting upon their hind legs on chairs, one could see every specie of dog from the Eskimo dog of the north to the tiny hairless dog of the tropics. There were big dogs, little dogs, middle-sized dogs, and cats of all sizes, colors and breeds. The snow-white Angora was there, as well as the mangy alley cat. But all were on an equal at these meetings and there was no quarrelling between aristocrat and the animal with no pedigree. All was harmony there. Could only the human race be as harmonious as these animals, the Brotherhood of Points would be established.

One after another the cats and dogs went on the platform and either told some funny episode that had happened to them or some tragedy that had occurred where they lived, or else they described the country from which they had come and told how the natives lived.

From Up North
The first dog called upon to lecture was an Eskimo dog with bright, snappy eyes, short, sharply pointed ears, and a bushy tail that gave him the appearance of a wolf, especially as his coat was just the color of that animal. And what more natural, as the Eskimo dog is the direct descendant of the timber wolf of the north? And though they may appear docile at times, still they always retain that half wild, ferocious look and manner.

He was a handsome, alert dog and spoke in quick, short sentences and to the point. He began by saying:

"I expect that none of you are familiar with the Far North, where it is day six months of the year and night the other six. But though the sun does not shine, don't think for a moment that we live in pitch darkness, for the stars and the Northern Lights make our nights most beautiful. In fact, they are more beautiful and varied than our days. Instead of the blazing rays of the sun that blind one, we have the ever-varied, many-colored rays of the Aurora Borealis, shooting stars and electrical displays of all kinds that far surpass even your most brilliant Fourth of July celebrations."

"One moment the sky will be a sea-shell pink, with rays of vivid green, lavender and purple playing across it, while in the center will be a misty golden ball, as if the sun was trying to shine through. The next instant all may be pitch darkness, until this, too, is chased away by another electrical outburst. These go on constantly for the whole six months, until they become so common an occurrence that the inhabitants pay no more attention to those magnificent displays than you do to your sun on a summer day."

Describes Lights
"Picture to yourself this wonderful sky, against which huge icebergs are seen, taller than your tallest church steeple, and more beautiful to look upon with their lacelike frostwork than your most elaborately carved white marble cathedral. All of this is reflected in detail in the clear, cold, deep green waters of the Arctic Ocean, where the big walrus, whales and seals live, to say nothing of the clumsy white polar bears that sit idly on a cake of ice waiting for an unwary fish to swim by so they may catch it and make a breakfast of it."

"In round-topped, oven-like mounds made of ice and snow live our masters, the Eskimos. They live on whale oil, blubber, fish, and the meat of the musk ox, bear and other animals that inhabit the Far North. You dogs and cats who live so far from us in a country where there are noisy cities cannot imagine the silence of a cityless country or a land where the only sounds are the crunching of one iceberg against another or the roar and thunder of a glacier as it falls to pieces when melted by the sun. This world of ours seems like a dead world when compared to yours, but underneath this eternal covering of snow, down deep in the green water of the ocean, are myriads of living, moving creatures as lively as any in your sultry climate."

Issues Invitation
"But I see I am taking up too much time, so will stop and extend an invitation to one and all of you to come and visit my Land of the Midnight Sun, and see for yourselves how things look and how we live. I thank you for your courtesy in listening to my stupid speech." And, bowing low his head, he left the platform.

"His speech was followed by loud barks and meows and a great scratching of claws upon the bare floor.

At last it was Billy's turn to go on the platform. He had just been introduced to the large audience in the old-fashioned way by saying "Friends and fellow countrymen!" when there was a terrific explosion and the window panes were blown in or shattered, while through the hole, wind and clouds could be seen vivid red and yellow lights and columns of black smoke. Every heart in that large assembly stood still for a moment, then one and all started for the exit.

"Some one is trying to blow up the doghouse," they thought, and here before this building goes up in smoke," said Billy. "All stick together, though. If we do become separated, come to our back yard."

"Bang! Bang! Bang!" and the walls of the building they were in began to tumble around them and the floor crashed in, falling on those that were in the cellar. As it happened, our friends had not

been near the exit, so were not among the first to get out. This probably saved their lives, as it kept them from being among those in the cellar when the floor fell.

"I say we take our chances and jump from one of the windows," said Billy, "before the whole building falls in on us or it blows up."

It was a long way to the ground, but the cats and dogs jumped down on the heads of the crowd that had gathered, and this broke their fall. Being very large, Billy could not do this, so he ran to another window and leaped down on a high pile of baled stuff which was nice and soft on which to alight.

Loss the Sailor
When they were all safely on the ground they made for the backyard of the chop-house as fast as their legs would carry them. But somehow they became separated from the bulldog and Tiger, so lost their way, and never again were they able to find the old uncle of the sailor.

They wandered around for the rest of the night looking for a place to sleep, but they were careful to keep close together so they would not lose each other.

About daylight they found themselves on the bank of the Hudson River opposite a dock where lay a big pleasure boat. No one was astir on it, so they cautiously crept on board, thinking to get a free ride up the river. This would give them a lift on their journey north. All three found good places to hide in different parts of the boat, and they lay down and fell asleep, for they were tired and sleepy after all the excitement they had been through.

Billy was awakened by the scrubbing of the decks over his head.

Smells Bacon
"I can't see why the captains of boats always insist on scrubbing decks so early in the morning. I guess it is just because they are afraid the sailors will get fat unless they keep them working from sun-up to sun-down. I smell bacon cooking, and I just love it, though I AM a goat. I can't get to sleep now that I have once been awakened, so I think I will go and see if I cannot get some of it to eat."

Billy crept to the head of the stairs that led down into that part of the boat where the kitchen was located, but just as he was about to venture down he saw a sailor coming up. He dodged out on deck and ran toward the prow of the boat. Here he spied another flight of stairs going down into the boat, he knew not where. But what cared he? He would go down and see. They led down into the dining saloon, and at the further end he could see a swinging door through which came the smell of frying bacon.

"Well, we hope that the hungry chums will get some of the bacon, don't we?"

SAFETY HIS PLEA
Two horse thieves were about to be hanged by a vigilance committee. The rope was swung from a bridge over a deep, swift river. But the best horse thief got off the noose slipped and he fell into the water and swam downstream to safety.

When the committee came to deal with the second horse thief he said anxiously, as they knotted the rope around his neck:

"For Pete's sake, gentles, make sure of the noose this time. I can't swim."

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